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FORTY YEARS POLICE SERVICE

RETIREMENT OF MR. S. F. BUTLER

TRIBUTES TO RAMSGATE'S CHIEF CONSTABLE

It was officially announced on Monday that Mr. S. F. Butler, O.B.E., for the past 27 years Chief Constable of Ramsgate, will not be taking up a position with the new Kent Joint Police Force, which comes into being on Thursday, and will be retiring from the police service.

As previously announced in the Advertiser & Echo, Mr. Butler is being offered, subject to the approval of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday, the post of A.R.P. Sub-Controller, which he has carried on voluntarily in addition to his police duties.

Mr. Butler has served in three police forces for nearly 40 years and was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire for his outstanding services at Ramsgate during the last war. Mr. Butler also holds the King's Police Medal—the highest police award—the medal of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and the Jubilee and Coronation Medals.

Having had first-hand experience of the effects of air raids in the last war, Mr. Butler was one of the pioneers of Air Raid Precautions and in spite of the apathy which was shown in many quarters, built up in Ramsgate a service which has come with flying colours through the tests of heavy bombing.

Mr. Butler has held the responsible office of Chief Constable with dignity and has won for himself an enviable reputation for scrupulous impartiality both in his dealing with the public and the members of the force he has served so well.

Trust and Goodwill.

Announcing at the court on Monday that it would be the last time he would be appearing before the justices as Chief Constable, Mr. Butler recalled that he had held the position for 27 years. Naturally one did not like to break such a long association, particularly having regard to the many friendships he had formed.

It had been a great pleasure, said Mr. Butler, to know the justices sitting at Ramsgate and he was conscious of the fact that during the whole of the time he had been in the town they had extended to him the utmost trust and goodwill. He had felt it a very great honour to have their confidence. It had always been his endeavour to put the facts before the magistrates impartially, for the question of conviction did not concern the police.

With the former Clerk to the Justices, the late Mr. J. Thorn Drury, and with the present Clerk, Mr. E. A. Knight, he had never had a mis-word. It would be difficult to find a better testimony to their relationship. There had been times when they had not agreed with each other's views but it had made no difference to their friendship or their association in their work together. He could not speak too highly of the help he had received from them.

Much the same, continued the Chief Constable, could be said of his association with the members of the legal profession practising at the court. He appreciated the help they had given the court and the many kindnesses they had extended to him personally.

Young Lives Saved.

The probation officers also had rendered him and his staff great help. Not least had been the help he had received from Miss Robinson. He was happy to think of the many hundreds of young persons who had been prevented from embarking on a life of crime because of the work of the probation officers after he had given offenders another chance.

It would have been impossible for him to have carried on as he had but for a very loyal staff, headed by C/I Butcher. He had had from them all the help he could desire and but for their co-operation he would have been unable to present cases before the court in the manner in which he had.

Mr. Butler also paid tribute to the feeling of understanding which had existed between himself and the representatives of the press.

In leaving in a few days, continued the Chief Consntable, he felt a certain amount of happiness in the knowledge that he would be able to enjoy a freedom of movement, of action and of speech which was the priivlege of free men but of which he had been denied to a large extent in view of his official position. He would feel relieved of a certain measure of bondage.

"I shall feel like a bird which has been released from its cage and given the liberty of flight—given the freedom which everyone has the right to expect and to enjoy," said Mr. Butler.

Although he regretted leaving them he was happy in the thought that there was no feeling of enmity. During his stay in Ramsgate he had formed many friendships and he hoped they would long continue.

Parting of the Ways.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said the bench wished him to say how sorry they were that they had come to the parting of the ways. Changes were inevitable but when they came there was a feeling of sadness.

Mr. Butler had served the town for many years and he had always had the greatest confidence in him as head of Ramsgate police force. They had been struck by the fact that in presenting cases before them he had always given defendants the best possible chance and he had said everything he could in their favour.

"You have upheld the tradition of British justice in the very highest form," said Mr. Perry. "We are sad that we shall not again see you in your accustomed place. We feel your mantle will descend on those who follow you, for those who have carried on in your unavoidable absences have shown the same spirit. We feel your influence has been and will be for many years to come a great benefit to the police force. . . . The bench feel that in losing you we are losing a very able man, a man who has shown great help to the bench in the proper administration of justice. No one could better have carried out their duties than you have done."

On behalf of the solicitors practising at the court, Mr. J. H. Robinson said he wished to associate himself with the tributes to Mr. Butler's courtesy, mercy and kindness. Mr. Butler had been as straight as a die and he would take with him into his retirement the best wishes of all the solicitors.

Efficiency and Ability.

"He has this consolation, that he leaves behind a police force of which any town might well be proud," said Mr. Robinson. "Not only as solicitor but as coroner I have been intimately in touch with Ramsgate police force and I can congratulate the retiring Chief Constable on the efficiency and ability of the officers he leaves behind."

Mr. Knight said the late Mr. Thorn Drury held Mr. Butler in the greatest esteem and regard, amounting almost to affection. They, also, were the feelings he had had towards Mr. Butler. It was very hard to say good-bye and as time went on it seemed to grow harder. He could not recall a single occasion when there had been a rift in the lute. They had differed over methods on occasions, but it had never disturbed the friendship and respect which had existed between them.

A further tribute to Mr. Butler's service was paid by Mr. B. K. Hemsley, Probation Officer.

Returning thanks for what had been said, Mr. Butler said it was quite impossible for him to express adequately what he felt. He appreciated the tributes which had been paid to his service and he was deeply conscious of the spirit of friendship which had always been extended towards him.

Thirty-Nine Years' Service.

Mr. Butler joined the police service in March, 1904, and served with the Tunbridge Wells Borough and Wallasey County Borough forces before coming to Ramsgate as Chief Constable in July, 1916. At Wallasey Mr. Butler attained the rank of superintendent and deputy chief constable.

Coming from an area which knew nothing about air raids, Mr. Butler was "piped" into Ramsgate with an air raid warning. Zeppelin raids at that time were somewhat frequent and Mr. Butler recalls that lighting restrictions were not then nearly so stringent as they are to-day. With Zeppelins good warning of their approach was possible and when the word was passed round by the police lights were kept down.

At that time there was only one siren in Ramsgate—at the gas works—but an additional electric siren was later installed in Grange-road. At the expense of the late Dame Janet Stancomb-Wills the schools of the town

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NEW CHAIRMAN

For Broadstairs Council

COUNCILLOR PEARSON WITHDRAWS CANDIDATURE

As a result of a division of opinion, Councillor B. J. Pearson, Chairman of Broadstairs Council for the past three years, has requested that his name should be withdrawn from nomination as next year's Chairman, and at a private meeting of members of the Council, held at Pierremont Hall on Monday, it was decided that next year's Chairman should be Councillor H. Noble, the present vice-chairman.

It is understood that Councillor G. W. Lane will succeed Councillor Noble as vice-chairman.

The members first met to consider the question of the chairmanship last week when it was decided by a small majority to put forward the name of Councillor Pearson once more.

After the meeting Councillor Pearson sent the following letter to Mr. E. F. Owen, Clerk to the Council:

Dear Mr. Owen,

I have given very careful consideration to what transpired at the private meeting of the Council, convened last Monday, for the election of Chairman and vice-chairman. I feel that if I allow my nomination to stand, the small majority of members who desire my re-election as Chairman would not give me sufficient confidence to carry out my duties with the same pleasure and enthusiasm, in the interests of the Council and town, as I have done in the past.

This view, coupled with the fact that on reconsideration I do not feel justified in being a party to any form of arrangement, which has as its aim pledging the Council in the future, so far as the election of Chairman is concerned, has prompted me to come to the decision to request that my name be withdrawn from nomination as next year's Chairman.

I feel sure those members who so strongly supported my nomination will realise on further consideration that the step I take is the only proper one open to me and I shall be glad if you will kindly convey my views to the Council.

Yours sincerely,
B. J. PEARSON.

As a result of this letter the members of the Council again met privately yesterday, when the decision reported above was arrived at.

The formal business of electing the Chairman and vice-chairman will take place at the monthly meeting of the Council on Monday.

In addition to holding the chairmanship of the Council for the past three years, Councillor Pearson was also Chairman from 1933 to 1936.

Councillor Noble has represented the St. Peter's Ward since July, 1935, and Councillor Lane, who was previously a member for the Pierremont Ward from March, 1935, to April, 1936, was co-opted under the war-time elections legislation in November, 1939.

CIVIL DEFENCE SUB-CONTROLLER

COUNCIL'S REQUEST TO MR. BUTLER

Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday will have before them a recommendation of the Civil Defence Committee, approved by Council in committee, that, subject to the approval of the Regional Commissioner, the Chief Constable, Mr. S. F. Butler, be requested to continue as Sub-Controller for Civil Defence for a period of six months from 1st April at a salary at the rate of £400 per annum.

The report presented by the Civil Defence Committee to Council in committee stated that it could be assumed that Mr. Butler would relinquish his position as Chief Constable of Ramsgate on 1st April and it therefore became necessary for the committee and the Council to consider the position which would arise in connection with the Civil Defence organisation.

"Mr. S. F. Butler," the report continued, "has acted as Sub-Controller from the inception of air raid precautions schemes in 1937 and has been responsible for the co-ordination of the various Civil Defence services in Ramsgate. Mr. Butler is conversant with the very detailed administration of the Civil Defence organisation and in view of the limited time before his retirement as Chief Constable, the Town Clerk had discussed the matter with the chief officials of all departments concerned with Civil Defence who unanimously take the view that the Council would be wise to consider the desirability of inviting Mr. Butler to continue as Sub-Controller for Civil Defence for an agreed period, subject to the approval of the Regional Commissioner."

Harbour Master's Salary

£150 INCREASE PROPOSED

A proposal that the salary of Ramsgate Harbour Master (Lt.-Cdr. H. J. Maynard) should be increased by a further £150 per annum will come before the Town Council for consideration on Thursday.

A report presented by the Harbour Committee to the Finance Committee stated that prior to 1934, when the harbour was acquired by the Corporation, the then Harbour Master was also Harbour Engineer and was assisted by a works foreman. The salary of the Harbour Master and Engineer at that time was £600 per annum with house, rent and rates free, and that of the works foreman £250 per annum.

Lt.-Cdr. Maynard was appointed Harbour Master in 1934 at a salary of £500 per annum, it being understood that any important engineering work would be carried out by the Borough Surveyor, but that the Harbour Master would be in operational charge of all works and plant, including the dredger. The Harbour Master was at present receiving £550 and a car allowance of £50 per annum and the post of works foreman had been discontinued.

At the time the Harbour Master took up his appointment, continued the report, it was understood that the salary offered was a commencing salary only and it would be reconsidered if experience showed that the work and responsibilities of the position justified a revision.

Could be Profitable.

It had become apparent prior to the outbreak of war that the work and responsibilities of the post were such that a revision of salary was justified, the financial position at that time showed that the harbour could be run at a profit rather than at a loss of over £2,000 a year as had been anticipated when the Corporation first took possession, and but for the outbreak of war an earlier recommendation would have been made.

The committee recommended that as from 1st April the salary of the Harbour Master should be increased to £750 per annum, to include the present car allowance of £50, and that in future the position occupied by Lt.-Cdr. Maynard should be known as that of Harbour Master, Marine and Works Manager.

The report of the Finance Committee states that in considering the recommendation of the Harbour Committee they had regard to the fact that the Harbour Master was receiving under the scale approved by the Council a war bonus at the rate of £24 per annum and also that it was essential that the Harbour Master should have the use of a car for the efficient execution of his duties.

They recommend that the Harbour Master's salary should be increased to £675 per annum and that the existing car allowance of £50 be continued.

SON WAS SAFE

MOTHER'S ANXIETY QUICKLY RELIEVED

"The Admiralty regret to announce that His Majesty's destroyer Lightning has been lost through enemy action."

As the words were coming over the wireless Mrs. Prett, of 2 Jubilee-cottages, St. Nicholas, heard a knock on the door. It was the postman bringing her a letter from her son, Ldg./Smn. Ernest Norman Prett, R.N., who was serving in Lightning, saying that he was safe and well.

Twenty-five years of age, Ldg./Smn. Prett joined the Royal Navy nine years ago and for two and a half years was in H.M.S. Kent on the China station. He was with the same ship when she was damaged while bombarding Bardia on the coast of Libya. He has since been to America and Newfoundland and has been with convoys to Malta.

Ramsgate Victims

OF S.E. TOWN RAID

On Tuesday last week Mr. Robert G. Duncan, of 44 Station Approach-road, Ramsgate, a former member of Ramsgate Borough Police Force, started work at a south-east town.

The following day the town was raided and Mr. Duncan sustained severe injuries to the back.

Owing to ill-health, Mr. Duncan was invalided out of Ramsgate Police Force some years ago and for some time afterwards was a commissionaire at Merrie England. With the outbreak of war he became a full-time member of the Ramsgate Civil Defence service but his services were dispensed with when the personnel were reduced some months ago on instructions from the Home Office.

Another Ramsgate man injured in the raid was Mr. Kenneth Campbell, aged 23, whose mother lives at 29 Coleman-crescent, Ramsgate. He sustained facial injuries which necessitated an operation but he is reported to be making good progress.

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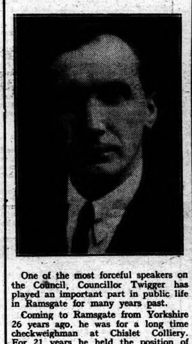
Thanet Looks to us for a Flying Start

WEST CLIFF THEATRE, RAMSGATE
Wednesday, April 7th
7.30 p.m.—12.30 a.m.
THE MILITARY BALL OF THE YEAR
ANNUAL BATTALION BALL
in aid of the Battalion's Sports Fund.
Arranged by Officers, N.C.Os and Cadets of the 4 (Thanet) Cadet Battalion, The Buffs
LICENSED BAR UNTIL 12.30 a.m.
Tickets 3/- from Odeon Theatre, West Cliff Theatre, and from Officers and Cadets of the Battalion, on sale now.

NEW MAGISTRATE

COUNCILLOR G. W. TWIGGER'S APPOINTMENT

A member of Ramsgate Town Council for the past nine years, Councillor G. W. Twigger, of Harthill, St. Lawrence, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Ramsgate division of the county.



One of the most forceful speakers on the Council, Councillor Twigger has played an important part in public life in Ramsgate for many years past.

Coming to Ramsgate from Yorkshire 26 years ago, he was for a long time checkweighman at Chislet Colliery. For 21 years he held the position of secretary of the Chislet branch of the Kent Mineworkers' Association and for ten yeass was treasurer.

In 1941 Councillor Twigger took an appointment with the Ministry of Labour and subsequently was seconded to the Ministry of Fuel and Power as assistant labour officer for Kent. For some months Councillor Twigger's work kept him largely in Canterbury but when the offices of the Ministry were transferred to Ramsgate a few months ago he returned to his home at St. Lawrence.

After unsuccessfully contesting several vacancies Councillor Twigger was elected to Ramsgate Council without opposition in 1934. The following year he retained his seat in an election, defeating Mr. G. E. Rose by 747 votes to 235.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	... 7.58 p.m.—6.10 a.m.
Wednesday	. 7.59 p.m.—6.8 a.m.
Thursday	... 8.1 p.m.—6.6 a.m.
Friday	... 8.3 p.m.—6.4 a.m.
Saturday	... 8.4 p.m.—7.2 a.m.
Sunday	... 9.5 p.m.—7.0 a.m.
Monday	... 9.7 p.m.—6.57 a.m.

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Preacher next Sunday:
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Services 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
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You are warmly invited

WHIRLWIND ROMANCE

MISS HOPE AVERY WEDS IN EGYPT

Even in the midst of war the Army has time to be human.

Serving in the cipher office with the Middle East Forces was Sec. Off. Hope Avery, W.A.A.F., 29-year-old daughter of Mrs. Sydney Featherstone, of Broadstairs.

Also serving with the Middle East Forces was Lt.-Col. C. d'A. P. Consett, D.S.O., M.C., 60th Rifles.

Col. Consett arrived in Cairo from the desert at night to catch a boat for England. He had a few hours to spare and in that time he proposed marriage to Sec. Off. Avery and was accepted. Early next morning they were married and Mrs. Consett was to be with her husband for half a day only, for his boat was sailing that afternoon.

They were on board the ship when a message was received recalling Col. Consett to Cairo and a post in the Middle East.

Later it was learned that this was due to Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, C.-in-C. Middle East, who had heard the story in the afternoon.

Col. and Mrs. Consett are now enjoying a honeymoon in Cairo.

FOURTEEN MONTHS WITHOUT NEWS

WESTGATE MAN A PRISONER

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hambidge, of 39 Linksfield-road, Westgate, have received news that their son, Acm. Colin Hambidge, R.A.F.V.R., of whom they had heard nothing for 14 months, is a prisoner of war in Java.

Acm. Hambidge joined the R.A.F. in January, 1941, and arrived in Singapore in November of the same year. Since the following January no news has been received from him but he was not posted as missing.

Twenty-two years of age, he attended St. Saviour's School and was afterwards employed as a solicitor's clerk. He is a keen sportsman and played cricket and football for his school.

SAVE ALL PAPER
IT IS A MUNITION OF WAR

out of the blue... –

The bus has gone,
Miles away now.
What did that chap say?
'Last man
shut the door.'
Ha, ha—joke.
Five minutes
to the next stop.
Gently now;
Mustn't get blown
into that wood.
Wonder what it's like
down there—
muddy, I expect—
Well,
if that's the worst
that comes
from this little do,
I shan't complain.
Hm...
Hope I don't get
stuck up a tree.
"You will destroy
Enemy Headquarters
and power station."
Nice objectives—
on a map.
Only a minute now—
Knees together—
Unharness—then—
Hell for leather
To the
rallying point.
'Yippee!!
We're here.'

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In all the big offensives ahead of us, paratroops will play an important part. Planes—thousands of planes—will be needed to carry them. We at home will all be in the attack. We will work harder and save more to give our boys everything they need—EVERYTHING—when the big push begins. So SAVE MORE.

... – Wings for Victory

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THIS WEEK'S COMPLETE STORY

HER MOTHER WENT, TOO

BY

Eric Moore Ritchie

Sheila Baynes was a woman with a head of hair of such quality that for it she resisted any modern cutting or shingling mode. She was a woman; it was her glory: and she made it so.

She had also a complexion that years of the fierce sun of Rhodesia had not spoiled, a figure which had marvellously preserved an attractive moderation between the austere knife-edge fashion and a middle-age spread. Sheila had, too, teeth like ivories, and an eye that could kindle still.

The only questionable thing about her was the colour of her hair. Its hue was odd, though there was evidence undeniable that her age could not fall much short of fifty.

Sheila Baynes understood life, as became her years, and she conducted her own on the sound principle of being just as young as she looked. Especially was this so where her love of the open air was concerned; and therefore almost daily she might be seen, even in this age of the ubiquitous car, mounted on one or other of her ponies, and one of an exclusive little party, on the quieter roads leading away from her home in the choicest outskirt of Salisbury, that gem set over against its historic flat-topped hill in Mashonaland.

Handsome Jack Baynes, Australian, ex-digger, settler, adventurer-in-general, and now chief of the mine called the Great Bonzer, some sixty miles to the north in the El Dorado direction, was the doting husband who provided her with the best of ponies and most of the things she desired.

It is true that she had never been known to solace her hard-working husband with her company on any of his numerous supervision trips to his property in the wilds. It is also correct to say that she appreciated the truth that she was still fair to behold when white helmeted, cream garbed and daintily mounted in a frame of golden sun and veld's fresh green. But be her company restricted, as most often it was, to the very minimum that could be termed a party at all, it never failed to include the dazzling inheritor of both her husband's and her own good looks, their 23-year-old daughter, Sylvia.

Regarding the methods of Sheila Baynes, the elder brethren of Salisbury were somewhat reticent.

It was not always so, though, with their younger colleagues:

"Darn it!" The speaker happened to be Seelson, an extremely junior white lord of the Treasury, who threw down his crop and sank into a club chair one glittering afternoon. "A man—a fellow doesn't want to—to shout about these things, and the Baynes is a charmin' woman and all that; but what I mean is, she might give a man a—a sporting chance, if you follow me. What I mean is, if she really bars a fellow where the daughter is concerned, better tell him so. Hang it, she's an absolute shadow!"

"You allude, I infer, to our friend Mrs. Baynes's practice of marring certain otherwise favourable occasions by accompanying her daughter, whose interests would, in your view, be better served if the girl were left alone to you?"

The speaker was Parmeter ("Mr. Justice" to you), who clothed his lightest pronouncement in a certain stateliness of garb.

"You can put it that way if you like, I suppose," agreed the young man with the grievance.

"Thanks," said the other calmly; "and in return for your permission to put it that way, young man, I will just state that in my judgment neither you nor anyone like you will get the chance you seek that way."

"But—but why on earth not?" exclaimed Seelson.

"My business is to concern myself not with reasons but evidence," replied the man of law. "In addition to which, I can't say I'm in a position to say why. And if I were, you're too young to know."

"Too—too young!..."

"It may possibly be, however," continued the judge, whose method with interruptions was celebrated, "it may be that Mrs. Baynes, a woman of indubitable experience, may prefer to have your points as a suitor displayed in a less glamorous atmosphere. The best testing place for husbands, potential as well as actual, is the home," he concluded with a gentle smile.

The gentleness of the smile which rounded off one more of the judge's dicta had its own effect upon the disturber of the club's sacred afternoon peace. "Gosh, I can't be bothered—anyway, who wants to listen to riddles with a thirst on him like a wooden god!" he exploded, and fled in disorder towards the bar.

Secure once again in his interrutped repose, the senior sat back in his chair to resume perusal of the latest lighter literature just arrived by the weekly mail. But before he did so, his smile, as well known as his way with interrupters and his dicta, gave place for a moment to an expression less common and more human with him.

It was an absent-minded look, as of one whose mind drifts back, recalling for a tick of time, half-forgotten things.

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In the days when the weekly mail train and other even more modern contrivances were not quite so regular with their supply of the lighter literature—before indeed the northward branch line existed at all, there departed by crawling ox-waggon for the new El Dorado district a pair of newly-married settlers. Though the way was long, their hearts were light. They were travelling towards their future home, which although at the moment but a 3,000-acre expanse of raw veld, had been not only surveyed but also christened, all as per custom, for the convenience of a conscientious and tidy-minded Survey Department. It was named "Bonzer."

And to the intrepid adventurer prepared to put down as deposit and first instalment a tidy slice of his slender savings, in accordance with agreement, the name had a significance of its own. It struck in him a responsive chord, in fact; for in language which he had understood from his Australian upbringing it meant everything that was worth possessing.

As time passed, however, he found, like many another so placed, that the Government monopolised the fancy, leaving the realism to him. So that some years of hard work were needed before the beginning of solid returns arrived in exchange for his small and now well-nigh vanished capital. This of itself did not matter. What did was that while money had dwindled, responsibilities had increased by the arrival half-way through the first rains of her who was her parents' idol, now a toddler, and, incidentally, the sole charge of one, "Shilling."

"Shilling" was her native "boy" nurse, and as such as valued in his own bronze-faced way as the child by young Mrs. Baynes, who, in addition to being a mother now, was still the wife of a seriously struggling man, and as such had neither time nor servants to spare.

"Shilling's" savage heart from the first delighted in the child, as the child, savage at heart, delighted in him; so that almost as soon as she could walk he became her escort and companion in the health-giving air of the veld during hours of play, terminating in re-union with the mother, at rest by then in her afternoon look-out in the verandah's shade and awaiting the first sound of a voice.

But one day Mrs. Baynes found herself alone there rather longer than usual. Three o'clock passed. Four came with its cooler breezes; and the shadows had begun to lengthen towards five before there was a rustling of the acacias at the garden's end. A moment later a solitary figure emerged. It ran towards her with set face.

As she saw that face the mother rose with one supporting hand against the verandah's pole, and her lips parted.

But long before she could find a word, the runner, now up to her, was speaking.

"The little missis is gone!" he gasped, raising towards her a face grey beneath its bronze. "We play on the dry ground above the river with the ball and a stone the little missis find. Then in the heat we sleep. When I wake she is gone! I follow spoor—one—two hour—till he disappear in the grass. So I run back to tell—and—" He paused. "Better for me be dead now!" he ended with a cry.

His cry was matched by a moan and silence followed. Sheila Baynes lay inert upon the verandah.

For days they searched river, veld bush and hill—the father, the half-demented "boy," every native on "Bonzer" and for miles around—all except Sheila Baynes. She, placed where she had fallen, but now supported by a rough thong-couch, lay hour by hour almost motionless, with eyes bent outwards towards the wilds. And then, just as a sharp twilight was about to follow a third sunset, a transport rider, leaving his labouring oxen, emerged from the river draft bearing across his shoulders an unusual burden.

It was a small white body, dust-covered and with dried blood on its feet, but sleeping the unruffled sleep of utter exhaustion, one hand still holding a coloured ball, the other tightly clasping a stone.

"Ah!" said Sheila Baynes as she saw it; no more—and in a tone that sounded less than a whisper—and held forth her arms.

And almost a week passed before she said much more, either, her speech in the interval being chiefly an echo—that, and a machine-like repetition of one question.

It was her husband who towards the end of that time sought gently to introduce a note of variety.

"Cheer up, chum," he began, as usual, sitting down by the side of the bed she now occupied once more. "You're picking up fine."

"Fine?—Yes, dear," she replied. Then her eyebrows contracted in a now-familiar frown, slow, uncertain. "When——?"

"——Very soon," he answered, interrupting her with anxious haste. "And now, listen carefully, sweetheart; I've something—something to tell you—see?" he continued earnestly. "You know that stone—the one with the pretty streaks in it she had gripped in her little fist?—" He indicated the small figure sleeping peacefully by the mother's side.—"Well, now I've just finished panning it, see?—and a lot more like it, too, from the rock down by the river where she lifted it from—and, well, though farming's O.K. in its way, I started as a digger, and I'd rather be one—always given the right place. In short, my chuck, it's my opinon our troubles are over."

"Over—yes, dear, they're over," she echoed and paused. "But when——?"

"—What I mean is, I've struck gold—real gold—no less," he countered with patient firmness. "You get me? A gold mine. So this is a lucky place, after all."

"Lucky?" she repeated, but with a faint inflection this time. "Jack—Jack—You hear me?—I must get away from it. I **must.** Tell me, when——?"

"At once—to-morrow morning, certain," he replied. "To-morrow morning. Waggon's all fixed up, right fixed up and ready for you very first thing. But—see—what I want you to do in the in-between time—just to kind of amuse yourself you know—is to christen the strike. I'm a beggar—always was—for believing in a good name. But here, you see," he continued. "I just rather fancied the same old one. Just 'The Bonzer.' Sound 'digger' dinkum, you know. 'Bonzer: the good—a find—a treasure.'"

"Treasure?" answered the mother in the bed, once more repeating, but of a sudden listless no longer; for as she spoke she half rose from her pillow, and fixing a new and brightly burning eye on the morsel of humanity now clasped in her arms, held it to her with such passion that it woke. "No no!" she cried. "Not 'The Bonzer,' Jack! Not just 'The Bonzer.' Call it—call it 'The **Great** Bonzer,' or nothing at all!"

And having at last uttered unaided

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a clear sentence, she fell back again, gently stroking the small mop of thick brown hair of the hue that had once been that of her own.

The reason her own matched it no longer was simple. Her own hair had turned to a mass of purest white.

The End

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

THEY RISK THEIR LIVES TO SAVE LIVES

AIR/SEA RESCUE SERVICE

By a Special Correspondent

The little ships which inhabit our harbours all along the coast are doing a big job of work and the men who man them have to possess just as much courage, and a great deal more patience, than the men of the giant warships.

These little ships are the rescue launches, used for patrolling coastal waters with the object of picking up airmen who have crashed into the sea. They are always ready, day and night, to make full steam ahead to rescue a pilot who might have had to bale out and who may be drifting on the high seas in his small rubber dinghy, which is part of every airman's equipment and is attached to his parachute.

I visited an Air/Sea Rescue Station where there were several types of launches—all neat, fast-looking craft, like a harbour of miniature destroyers. I was taken for trips out in two of them—a rescue motor launch and a high-speed launch. The R.M.Ls are manned by sailors and are naval craft but they are held primarily at the disposal of the Air Force for rescue work, their operations being directed via the naval officer in charge from the R.A.F. control centre.

Besides being equipped as a hospital ship, they are well provided with guns and can attack hostile aircraft. In the early days of the war when the rescue launches first came into existence their decks were painted yellow, so as to be more easily observed from the air, but the enemy planes did not respect their cause and frequently attacked them.

Ceaseless Vigilance.

"Our task is not an easy one," remarked the coxswain of a R.M.L., Lt. R. W. Beadle, R.N.V.R. "We put in many hours of waiting and patrolling, with little result, but we do feel that the day will come when we shall really be able to prove our worth. During the Dieppe raid the launches were able to display how invaluable they can be in such a crisis."

The H.S.Ls are a smaller, faster craft and, although controlled by the Navy, they are manned by a R.A.F. crew. (The airmen officers had what may be considered a grievance in that an arm badge, a small white cloth rescue launch, had recently been issued to the men, whereas they, the officers, were given no distinguishing mark.)

Although slower than the H.S.L., the R.M.L. has the advantage of being a larger, stronger ship, which enables her to go farther out to sea and also to stand up to rough weather. The men of the R.M.Ls are mostly R.N.V.R., but they are men who have had experience of small boats in peacetime.

The launches carry medical equipment and the crews are all trained in first-aid. A medical orderly is also a member of the crew. Not an inch of space is wasted and there is sleeping accommodation for the crew, a coxswain's cabin, a wireless cabin, a hospital cabin, and even a galley where there are full facilities for cooking a meal. Steak and potatoes seemed to be the popular menu!

Rescue From the Air.

To complete the picture of this air/sea rescue service there are the fighter aerodromes from where Lysanders, Defiants and Walrus planes go out searching the seas for survivors of crashed aircraft. When an airman is located in the sea, the plane will proceed to the nearest rescue launch on patrol duty and communicate directions by means of wireless. Both the coxswain of the launch and the pilot of the plane wear headphones attached to a helmet, and conversation is easy and distinct.

If the man in the sea happens to be without his rubber dinghy, the plane will drop a large dinghy, capable of holding the whole crew of a bomber plane. As this dinghy leaves the aircraft it automatically inflates and by the time it hits the water (a matter of about 10 seconds) it is fully inflated and ready for the survivor to clamber aboard.

Attached to the dinghy are emergency food rations, canvas paddles, leak stoppers of various sizes, a torch and stuff for colouring the water to attract attention of rescuers. It is not easy to find a small rubber dinghy afloat in a wide expanse of sea; nevertheless, pilots are trained to spot even the smallest object.

One of these pilots told the story of how a bomber crew of five had drifted in a rubber dinghy all the way from the North Sea to the Isle of Wight.

From dawn till dusk the seas are being constantly searched and not the slightest opportunity of saving a life is lost. Then again all through the night the little ships and the fighter planes are standing by ready to answer a call—and in less than four minutes they are on their way.

VARIETY CONCERT

AIDS PRISONERS OF WAR FUND

The Local Prisoners of War Fund will benefit considerably as a result of an enjoyable concert given before a large audience at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Wednesday.

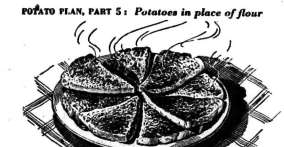
Staged by P/C Jordan, of Ramsgate Borough Police, who was the compere, the show included many talented artistes and one of the most popular was an Army sergeant described as "The Street Singer of the Forces," who accompanied himself on the accordeon.

After straight songs Madame Annie Welch joined Mr. B. Jenkins in "The Operatic Wedding" and "Preparing for the Party," and Miss Marjorie Hassall's singing of "The Pipes of Pan" and "Mighty Like a Rose" was delightful.

The audience gave a good round of applause to Mr. Bill Austin, who put over some more of his excellent impersonations, with Miss Pamela Duckett at the piano. Pianoforte duets were played by P/Cs Bampton and Sayer. Websper and Dale were very amusing in a cross-talk act and young "Sultan" mystified his audience with some clever illusions.

Other vocalists who contributed to the programme were Miss Joyce Wright, Mr. Leslie Brand, Miss Pat Williams and Gnr. Glyn Jones, and monologues were recited by Mr. H. Protheroe.

POTATO PLAN, PART 5: *Potatoes in place of flour*



Fadge for Four!

Give the family plenty of these potato cakes —they'll love them!

It's an old Irish custom—making *Fadge*. Why don't we do it oftener here? These potato cakes are *delicious*, and ridiculously easy to make! Try them for breakfast or tea.

FADGE

Mash 2 lbs. of boiled potatoes while still hot. Allow to become quite cold. Add salt and work in enough flour to make a pliable dough. Knead and roll out about ¼ inch thick. Cut into wedge-shaped pieces and cook on a greased hot plate or frying-pan, on both sides, till brown.

The 4 other parts of the Plan:

1 Serve potatoes for breakfast three days a week.

2 Make your main dish a potato dish one day a week.

3 Have more potatoes instead of second helpings of other food.

4 Serve potatoes in other ways than "plain boiled."

Bread costs ships...

Eat home-grown potatoes instead

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ALWAYS use a funnel. Keep outlet of drum at top. This allows air to enter and assists smooth pouring.

AVOID leaky taps and joints. Grit is your enemy. Keep fuel clean—always use a funnel with a strainer.

SAVE TRACTOR FUEL

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Son on Way Home

GOOD NEWS FOR RAMSGATE MOTHER

A.C. E.R.A. William Hood, a son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Christopher Hood, of Tintagel, Carlton-avenue, Ramsgate, is among the British prisoners who have been repatriated as a result of an exchange for Italian prisoners which took place at a Turkish port.

He is a survivor of H.M.S. Sikh, which was lost in a raid on Tobruk, and information that he had been taken prisoner was received at the beginning of November.

E.R.A. Hood's father lost his life in September, 1914, when serving as a leading seaman on H.M.S. Hogue, which was sunk together with the Cressy and Aboukir.

Mrs. Hood's elder son, Harold, now serving in the Middle East, was formerly a school teacher at Ramsgate.

MOONLIGHT MASQUERADE

COMEDY AT THE KING'S

After a run of dramatic films the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, offers refreshing comedy in this week's programmes.

"Moonlight Masquerade," the main feature to-day (Tuesday) and tomorrow deals with a contract which provides that one-third interest in an oil company shall be given to Victoria Forrester (Jane Frazee) and John Bennett (Dennis O'Keefe) on condition that they marry each other. They have never met before and neither wishes to go through with the marriage, but each party resorts to intrigue to deprive the other of the interest in the company. Dennis O'Keefe also appears with Ruth Terry in the supporting picture, "Affairs of Jimmy Valentine."

"They All Kissed the Bride," the chief attraction for the latter part of the week, combines racy comedy and a human love story. Joan Crawford appears as a million-dollar doll who toys with love until she discovers she is playing with fire in the person of Melvyn Douglas. Roland Young has an important part as a happy-go-lucky lawyer. An exciting film, "Giants A'fire," starring Charles Starrett and Russell Hayden, is also being shown.

HOME GUARD DANCES

PROVIDE CIGARETTES FOR PRISONERS

As a result of dances and socials held at Willson's-road Drill Hall, headquarters of "D" (Ramsgate) Company, 6th Batt., Kent Home Guard, 26 parcels of cigarettes have already been sent to local men who have been unfortunate enough to be captured by the enemy.

Organised by Sgt. A. Nichols, these events are held every fortnight, and an invitation is extended to any member of the forces.

At Saturday's social, which was well attended, music was provided by The Four Spots and L/Sgt. Sackett was M.C. Winners of prizes were Miss H. Davies, Mrs. W. Laurance and Mrs. Davis.

MINSTER.

Land Army Dance.—Over a hundred people attended the dance held by the Women's Land Army at Minster Parish Hall in aid of local prisoners of war and a sum of £4 10s. was raised.

Confirmation Service.—Twenty-one candidates from Minster and 18 from St. Nicholas attended the confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Dover (the Rt. Rev. A. C. W. Rose) at Minster Parish Church on Wednesday.

A.T.C. Whist.—In aid of their welfare fund, Minster Flight of the Thanet A.T.C. Squadron held a whist drive in the Parish Hall on Wednesday. Eleven and a half tables were in play, Major W. Howard was M.C., and prizes were won by L/Cpl. Southern, Mrs. Castle, Mrs. Rowley, Mr. Walton, Miss Rigby, Mr. White and Cpl. Compton. As a result of the drive the fund will profit by £1 9s.

Funeral of Mrs. Anna Smith.—The funeral of Mrs. Anna Jane Walker Smith, who died at St. Agnes, Monkton-road, Minster, took place at Minster Cemetery and the interment was preceded by a service in the Parish Church conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. MacMichael). The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith (son and daughter-in-law), Master J. Smith (grandson) and Mrs. S. Toms (niece).

Police Beat Home Guard.—Scoring 245 out of a possible 300, the Kent County Constabulary stationed at Minster defeated Minster Home Guard by six points in a rifle shooting match on an outdoor range. The individual scores were: K.C.C.—Sgt. Wilkinson 49, P/C Ansell 33, P/C Stace 50, Sgt. Brockman 49, P/C Thompson 50, P/C Blaymire 14; Home Guard—L/Cpl. Smith 26, Sgt. Collins 42, Sgt. Allen 49, C/Q/M/S Hogben 42, Pte. Church 48, Pte. Foster 34. A separate competition for the best individual score was won by P/C Stace, with P/C Thompson second and Sgt. Brockman third.

FIRST-AID POST SOCIAL

The personnel of Ramsgate Health Centre first-aid post spent another enjoyable evening on Thursday, when a whist drive and social was held.

Eight tables were in play for whist and prizes distributed by Nurse Yeadon were won by Mrs. M. Parsons, Mrs. G. Colegate, Sister N. Henshaw, Miss M. L. Wilkening, Mr. F. T. Bridgeland, Mr. Taibian, Mr. George Pointer and Nurse Yeadon.

Refreshments were served by a number of the staff, including Mrs. E. Parsons, Mrs. Digweed, Miss E. Annabona, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Goldsmith, and the company, numbering about 40, joined in numerous games.

Representatives of the first-aid-rescue parties were present as guests and everyone spent a most pleasant evening, not least Dr. W. B. Loveless, whose presence and support at these functions is so much appreciated.

IF YOUR BREATH HAS A SMELL YOU CAN'T FEEL WELL

Unless 2 pints of bile juice flow from your liver into your bowels every day, your movements get hard and constipated and your food decays unnaturally in your 28 feet of bowels. This decay sends poison all over your body every six minutes. It makes you gloomy, grouchy and no good for anything.

Your friends smell this decay coming out of your mouth and call it bad breath. Laxatives and mouth washes help a little, but you must get at the cause. Take Carters Little Liver Pills. They get those 2 pints of bile flowing freely and then you feel on the "up and up." Ask for Carters Little Liver Pills and get what you ask for. 1/5 and 3/5.

THE FOOD FRONT

YOU'RE TELLING US

Potato Pete's Postbag

Every day dozens of women write to the Ministry of Food enclosing recipes. Since Potato Pete butted into the national food campaign, 99 out of every 100 recipes received deal with ways of cooking potatoes.

They come from everywhere. They are written in ink, in pencil, in coloured crayon, on anything from embossed hand-made note paper to half-sheets torn from last year's diaries and old laundry lists.

Ten-Minute Turnover.

Let us steal a look into the room where Pete's postbag is sorted. Here's a postcard from a country housewife. "Ten-Minute Turnover" she calls her recipe. Here it is: "Mash a pound of cooked potatoes and mix in 3ozs. flour to form a dough. Don't add any liquid but remember that if you can mash the potatoes while they are warm, they mash easier. Season with salt and roll out into a round about half an inch thick. Sprinkle two or three ounces of grated cheese on one half of the round and fold the other half over to form a turnover. Moisten the edges with a drop of water and press them together. Then fry on both sides till brown. You will only need just enough fat to grease the bottom of the pan. This turnover is big enough for two or three people."

Mammoth Dishes from Scotland.

From Scotland come some truly majestic dishes using large quantities of potatoes with other vegetables, a very little meat and a lot of oatmeal. Most of these large-family dishes have a cousinly resemblance to the Lancashire and Yorkshire recipes for potato hotpots. One of these, from a mother with ten sturdy children, starts with "Take seven pounds of potatoes." It is a mammoth baked dish including, as well as the potatoes, a breast of mutton, a pound of carrots and a swede. Cooking time is 1 hour; cost is about half-a-crown. Not bad for a main meal for ten people.

Tartlets for Tea.

From the far north, too, comes a recipe for Chocolate Tartlets, in which potatoes are made to serve a double purpose, first in the pastry, secondly in the filling. This is the recipe: For the pastry, mix 1oz. fat with 4ozs. flour and ½ teaspoon salt. Then work in 2ozs. cooked mashed potatoes, add a very little water to bind, and roll out thinly. Cut into rounds and line tartlet tins, pricking the paste well. Bake in a hot oven. For the filling, beat together 6ozs. cooked mashed potato with 3ozs. sugar and 3ozs. cocoa and 1 teaspoon almond essence. When the pastry cases are cold, pile the filling into them and serve for dinner or tea.

Reminder from South Wales.

A Welsh housewife sends a reminder of how easy it is to bake potatoes under the sitting-room grate. "I wash and dry them and lay them in the ashes. When they are cooked, I wipe them carefully, split them open lengthways and put a slice of cheese between the two halves. They make a grand supper dish for my two daughters when they get back from work."

Recipes for soups, sweet and savoury spreads, cakes, scones, stews, pies and puddings, all containing potato, are among the letters. "We are suiting our austerity eating to our utility stomachs," says one writer. Judging from Pete's postbag, another word for austerity is ingenuity.

MARGATE HELPS THE BLIND

A house-to-house collection on behalf of St. Dunstan's, made in Margate by members of the wardens' service, together with the proceeds of a dance and concert, realised over £250.

SCALE OF CHARGES

Advertiser and Echo

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PING-PONG Balls wanted.—29 Vale-square, Ramsgate. 10

PERSONAL

BE TALLER! Quickly!! Safely!! Privately!!! Details 6d. stamp.—Malcolm Ross, Height Specialist, BM/HYTE, London, W.C.1. †56

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One Penny per word: 3 insertions for 2d. per word

LOST, 20th March, in or between Wheatsheaf Hotel and St. Lawrence Church Hall, Gent's Gold Wristlet Watch; sentimental value; finder rewarded.—Write, Box 644, Advertiser Office, Ramsgate. 07

FOOD FACTS

HELP FOR HOUSEWIVES

Planning meals for the family is quite a business. You know you must make the best use of your rations. You know the family needs plenty of potatoes and green vegetables. *But you want a little variety in the menu.* Even the best of families get tired of just "plain boiled" potatoes and like their meals served with a difference.

We should like to help you—so here are some suggestions for the main meal of the day.

DINNER DISHES —for two weeks

First Week

Sunday:
Stuffed breast of mutton, potatoes and cabbage.
Monday:
Cheese and lentil cutlets, jacket potatoes, carrots, watercress.
Tuesday:
Cornish pasties with potato pastry, mashed potatoes, swedes sprinkled with coarsely chopped parsley.
Wednesday:
Potato Jane (sliced potatoes and cheese, baked), carrots, sprouts.
Thursday:
Farmhouse pudding (steamed vegetable pudding), potatoes, raw shredded cabbage salad.
Friday:
Viennese fish cakes, mashed potatoes, spinach.
Saturday:
Curried beans, jacket potatoes, raw sprout and beetroot salad.

Second Week

Sunday:
Lancashire Hot Pot, potatoes, sprouts.
Monday:
Cheese-beans, potatoes, raw cabbage and cooked carrot salad.
Tuesday:
Stewed mince and oatmeal, mashed potatoes, cabbage.
Wednesday:
Farmhouse Scramble (mixed vegetables, dried egg, cheese, fried), jacket potatoes, watercress.
Thursday:
Sausage and bean pie, potatoes, spinach.
Friday:
Pilchard pie, mashed potatoes, carrots, sprinkled coarsely chopped parsley.
Saturday:
Potato Musaka (potatoes, cheese, carrot, dried egg, baked), swedes and greens.

Recipes for all the above dishes have already been published by the Ministry of Food. If you haven't cut out and kept Food Facts week by week, write to the Ministry of Food, London, W.1, for the recipes.

SAUSAGE & BEAN PIE

Cooking time: ½ an hour. *Ingredients:* 1 lb. sausage, cooked, 1 lb. cooked mixed vegetables, 8 oz. cooked beans, 6 oz. potato pastry, 4 tablespoonfuls brown sauce or stock, salt and pepper. *Quantity:* For four people. *Method:* Place sausages, chopped vegetables and beans in layers in pie-dish, add sauce and season well. Roll out pastry and cover pie. Bake in moderate oven for ½ hour.

IN THE CANTEEN OR RESTAURANT

Look out for V on the menu. It marks a special dish made, at Lord Woolton's request, of "ship-savers" such as Potatoes and other Fresh Vegetables, Dried Egg and Cheese

TRY A VICTORY DISH TODAY

"When you have a luncheon date
And there's bread beside your plate,
GIVE THAT BREAD BACK TO THE WAITER!
Fill yourself up with pertater!"

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LISTEN TO THE KITCHEN FRONT EVERY MORNING AT 8.15

THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, LONDON, W.1. FOOD FACTS No. 141

SHRUNKEN POPULATION

MARGATE'S MANY EMPTY HOUSES

Some interesting figures concerning the effect of the war on the population and the number of houses occupied in Margate were given in a report submitted by the Borough Treasurer (Mr. I. M. Cowan) to Margate Town Council on Tuesday.

After giving the estimated population in February compared with the 39,200 inhabitants in 1939, Mr. Cowan pointed out that there had been a slight increase in the past year but there was a marked change in the age groups. There was an increase in the number of persons over 50 and under 15 and a reduction in the number between those ages.

The large number of 14,182 hereditaments were unoccupied and in August last year there were more unoccupied premises than in 1941.

The report showed that four-sevenths of the unoccupied premises in the borough were completely empty and three-sevenths were left furnished. The number of empty houses was 205 more than the year before and the number of furnished but unoccupied premises had been reduced by 104.

"Although the damage due to enemy action has been considerable," the report continued, "the effect on the civil population and the termination of the central business of the town (catering for visitors) is still the most important factor. The position of the town economically has shown no improvement."

GOOD HAY AND PLENTY OF IT

In terms of acreage hay is the most important crop in England. Despite the ploughing up, an area about equal to that occupied by wheat and oats together will be reserved for hay. This is a measure of the importance attached to dried grass as a winter food for stock. In terms of money, it represents a value of at least 35 million pounds.

In districts of low or moderate rainfall hay harvesting is generally not difficult. No crop lends itself so well to mechanisation "when the sun shines." In other parts, where individual acreages run smaller but add up to a greater total, the process is liable to delay by bad weather and shortage of labour and labour-saving machinery. In such circumstances, much of the nutritive value of hay may be lost.

Obviously it is very important that everything humanly possible should be done to garner all the food we can with the minimum of waste. Haymaking cannot be standardised. Circumstances vary too much for that. Nevertheless, it is always helpful to know what we are after, and shape accordingly. Good pasture grass is a complete food in itself, capable of supporting a cow in full milk or fattening a bullock. Its feeding value is greatest when it is kept fairly short and prevented from running to seed. By the same token the feeding value of hay will be greatest when the crop is cut before it becomes too mature.

This means starting early, earlier than is customary, if the last field is not to "run away." To make up for shortage of concentrates it is quality hay we want from our meadows and leys, not straw. There will be plenty of that in its proper place. It has been proved that leafy grass 8 or 10 inches long, carefully dried has the same feeding value as fresh grass. Of course, we need quantity of quality, too, and to attain this we must shut up our hay fields as soon as possible, and stimulate growth where necessary with a nitrogenous fertiliser.

Women's Voluntary Services in Great Britain now serve 7,000,000 meals and 7,000,000 hot drinks to members of the forces in 1,000 canteens every month.

£250,000 From the Government

MARGATE RATE STABILISED

During the past three years Margate has received special Government assistance of over a quarter of a million pounds.

This was revealed in the report of the Borough Treasurer (Mr. I. M. Cowan) when the Town Council, at a special meeting on Tuesday, approved a general district rate for the coming year of 13s. 9d. in the £—the same as the rate for the current year.

The estimates show the total net requirements for the year to £235,035, which is equivalent to a rate of just over 26s. 1½d. in the £. With a penny rate producing £750, against £700 during the past year, the continuance of a rate of 13s. 9d. will bring in £123,750, and it is estimated that the deficit of £111,285 will be met by special Government assistance.

The total requirement of £235,035 is £9,919 more than for 1942-43, and is made up as follows: Town Council, £182,344 (increase £836); Kent County Council, £51,188 (increase £8,873); Joint Hospital Board, £1,000 (increase £150); Assessment Committee, £503 (increase £55).

A return of the rate collections prepared by the Treasurer shows that £100,081 had been paid in rates to the end of February, being £4,668 more than in the corresponding 11 months last year. Contributions from the Government in lieu of rates on requisitioned property amounted to £15,541. It is estimated that £11,297 will be received during March, bringing the total rate collection for the year to £126,919, compared with £124,461 last year.

Government Advances.

Under the scheme for special Government assistance to meet the deficiency in the rate collection monthly payments amounting to £96,512 have been received. Cash advances in previous years were: 1940-41, £65,811; 1941-42, £95,842; making a total for three years of £257,565. Seventy-five per cent. (£193,174) of this is a grant, and the remainder (£64,391) a free of interest loan.

Reviewing the position for the year which ends on 31st March, the Treasurer states that the probable sum required would amount to £173,515, which is £7,993 less than the estimate. Of this reduction £4,392 is in respect to Civil Defence, principally due to an increased grant towards administrative expenditure and the provision for contingencies not having been necessary.

A net increase of £1,010 in the education estimates, the Treasurer reports, reflects the increasing number of children of school age now in the borough, with the consequent increase in the number and salaries of teachers, heating, lighting, cleaning and maintenance of buildings and rates, etc. There is a provisional item of £400 for school meals.

The estimates for Civil Defence show that the net charge on the rates will be £11,950, a reduction of £3,565, due to increased administrative grant and the fact that the reduction of personnel will be more marked. The total estimated expenditure under this heading is £67,355, which includes £39,000 pay of personnel, of which £38,450 is expected to be reimbursed by the Government. For the year now ending wages amount to £44,400, and for 1941-42 they were £54,350.

THEY DID NOT DIE IN VAIN

ST. PETER'S MAN TELLS OF CORVETTE SINKING

A/B Joseph Bertie Huckstep, of 32 Magdala-road, St. Peter's, was the last survivor to be picked up when H.M.S. Snapdragon, a corvette, was sunk about three months ago.

Describing his experiences in a letter, A/B Huckstep writes: "The cause of it all was, we believe, a Ju. 88, anyway it was a twin-engined bomber, but we could not actually see it as it was dark at the time, although the moon was bright. We sank in four minutes and I was the last survivor to be picked up—by an M.T.B. I was in the water for just over two hours and was black with oil fuel and could hardly see. There was one thing I was determined not to do and that was to lose my wits, as I knew it would be all up then.

"The most welcome sight in the world to me was that M.T.B.! They got me aboard and rubbed me down with towels, which turned black immediately, then they wrapped me up in blankets and gave me a tumbler full of neat rum, which I promptly brought up again, as I had swallowed what seemed to me to be gallons of oil fuel. However, after being turned in I was soon asleep and was not disturbed until I woke up in the morning safely in port.

"I certainly have plenty to thank my lucky stars for. That is the fortune of war and we must grin and bear it. I lost some fine shipmates and they will be missed greatly, but they did not die in vain!"

While the ship was sinking, A/B Huckstep rendered the depth charges safe.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Huckstep, A/B Huckstep is 23 years old and has been in the Navy for three years. While at St. Peter's School he played football in the Ramsgate and District Schools League. He worked as a bookstall assistant at Broadstairs and other parts of the country and while at Sevenoaks played cricket for a Toc H team.

DILAPIDATED HOME

BOY TO RETURN TO APPROVED SCHOOL

A 15-year-old boy who, two years ago, was sent to an approved school for placing sleepers across railway lines and setting fire to farm buildings, came before Ramsgate juvenile court on Tuesday.

Remanded from the previous week, he admitted stealing 9s. from an electric light meter at his grandmother's house in Ramsgate after leaving his own home in Bristol.

After hearing a report of the boy's home life the magistrates decided to send him back to the approved school from which he had returned to Bristol on license last November.

The Probation Officer (Mr. A. E. Bray) said he had received a report from the Bristol Probation Officer stating that the boy's home was damp and dilapidated and was situated among buildings that were condemned.

Mr. Bray said that the boy began to steal at the age of nine and Ramsgate magistrates ordered him to be sent to an approved school in August, 1936, for taking money from clothing on the beach.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) told the mother that, judging by the report from Bristol, there was not much for the boy to stay at home for. She replied that the boy had relatives in Bristol and was not obliged to stay indoors.

C/I Butcher said that in January, 1941, the boy was accused at Horsham of setting fire to farm buildings and placing sleepers across the railway lines and was sent to an approved school for a period not exceeding three years. He returned to Bristol on license in October and the police there had nothing against him. The mother had paid for the gas and electric light meters the boy had broken open at Bristol.

Addressing the boy, the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said "We don't think your home in Bristol is too happy so we will send you back to the school in your own interests. We don't think the home at Bristol is a proper place for you to be. What inducement is there for you to go there?"

YANK AT ETON

MICKEY ROONEY AT ODEON

Starring a brand new love team in Diana Barrymore and Robert Cummings, and supported by such stars as Kay Francis, John Boles and Andy Devine, "Between Us Girls" heads the bill at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

A Henry Koster production, the film is one long laugh from beginning to end. It abounds in amusing complications but Cupid arranges an Armistice between the parties and all ends well. The supporting feature is "Old Mother Riley, M.P.," with the ever-popular Arthur Lucan and Kitty McShane.

As a typical American boy in England's most exclusive school, Mickey Rooney has some of the most hilarious scenes of his career in "A Yank at Eton," chief feature for the latter part of the week. Mickey plays football and cricket. He runs a steeplechase. He leads a brawl with four husky waiters of a roadside inn. And he licks the Eton bully. In short, there isn't much that Mickey doesn't do. After a few preliminary events in America, and a ship-board romance with Tina Thayer, the action really gets into full swing when Mickey arrives in England and is enrolled at Eton. In the supporting cast are Edmund Gwenn, Ian Hunter and Freddie Bartholomew. "Street of Chance," with Burgess Meredith and Claire Trevor, will also be shown.

"Desert Victory," the actual pictorial record of the 8th Army's advance to Tripoli, will be shown at the Odeon on 5th, 6th and 7th April.

SUNK AGAIN

"You can't get any batteries," said P/O Cecil Jones, R.N., when P/C Williams saw him riding a cycle without lights in Alexandra-road, Margate, on 27th February.

When he was summoned for the offence at Margate police court on Wednesday the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said defendant had been torpedoed at sea and had a good record of service.

In view of this the magistrates took a lenient view of the case and dismissed it with a caution.

"Hitler has lost the war, yet we have not won it. Those people in occupied countries cannot hold out for ever, and the sooner the war is over, the smaller will be the European cemetery."—M. Jan Masaryk, Vice-Premier of Czechoslovakia.

RAMSGATE'S NEW VICAR

The new Vicar of St. George's, Ramsgate, the Rev. George Bennett, whose appointment was first announced in the Advertiser & Echo last week. Mr. Bennett, Vicar of Sutton Valence, succeeds the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, who leaves Ramsgate in May for St. Luke's, Norwood.

Mrs. Bennett.

LEAPT FROM BLAZING BUILDING

SOLDIERS ESCAPE

BIG BROADSTAIRS FIRE

Barred by masses of flames which leapt up the stairway at them as they left their bedrooms, soldiers jumped from the windows of Sackett's Hill House, Broadstairs.

The greater part of the building was gutted by fire and about six soldiers were taken to Margate General Hospital suffering from injuries and burns.

It appears that the fire originated in the only blacked-out room on the ground floor, which was unoccupied.

At 1 a.m. a sentry on duty outside smelt burning and opening the front door found the hall and stairway a mass of flames. He rushed to the back of the house and was again met by a wall of flame.

Soldiers woke to find their rooms full of smoke and as escape by way of the staircase was impossible they jumped from their bedroom windows to the ground beneath.

A call to the National Fire Service was given by a Margate police officer who saw the fire from a distance. Although the first pump on the scene had to travel two miles, it was on the spot within six minutes. By this time everyone had left the premises, the inside of which was a blazing inferno.

A call was sent for reinforcements and in all 13 pumps attended under the direction of Div. Off. Denne. As the water pressure from the mains was inadequate, a water relay system was operated from a mile and a half away.

Although only the brick walls forming the shell of the main building were left standing, the firemen were successful in saving one wing, the annexe and the outhouses. In an hour the fire was mainly under control and most of the pumps were able to return to their stations by six o'clock the following morning. For another 12 hours, however, firemen were damping down smouldering embers.

The fire was the biggest in the district since the formation of the National Fire Service and although the call was late coming through, proved the effectiveness of the system in operation.

Sackett's Hill House was before the war occupied by Capt. J. S. Bateman, principal of the Thanet School of Equitation. It was built in about 1800 as a country house for Sir Richard Burton.

VICAR TO WED

ENGAGEMENT TO DAUGHTER OF FORMER VICAR

The engagement is announced between the Rev. John Hartley Roundhill, M.A., Vicar of St. Lawrence, Ramsgate, and Miss Patience Ann Cowland-Cooper, daughter of the Rev. C. P. Cowland-Cooper, former Vicar of St. Lawrence, and Mrs. Cowland-Cooper, of Bicester Vicarage, Oxfordshire.

Mr. Roundhill took over his duties at St. Lawrence in May last year, coming from Sittingbourne, where he had been Vicar of Holy Trinity since 1930. Shortly before leaving Sittingbourne he lost his wife.

Mr. Cowland-Cooper, whom he succeeded, is now Vicar of Bicester.

Since the outbreak of war Miss Cowland-Cooper has been a member of Ramsgate Civil Defence report and control centre staff.

FEEDING ON THEIR TAILS

Plight of S.E. Coast Towns

MARGATE LOOKS AHEAD

"We don't mind sharing the dangers and hardships, but we are having to do it by feeding on our own tails. Nothing is coming in at all, and there are no means of earning anything."

This reference to the plight of the south-east coast towns was made by Alderman W. C. Redman when the question of post-war problems was under discussion at a meeting of Margate Town Council on Tuesday.

It was pointed out that even if there was a boom immediately after the war the seaside towns of the south-east would not be in a position to take advantage of it as accommodation would not be available.

The matter was raised by Alderman G. P. Hoare, chairman of the Finance Committee, in moving the rate estimates, details of which are given elsewhere in this issue.

Alderman Hoare said he had told the Finance Committee several times that although the present times were most serious, the times ahead would be even more difficult.

Alderman Hoare said he thought the time was ripe for the Corporation and the associations which were looking after their interests to make their voices heard very clearly. He particularly had in mind the Health Resorts Association, and while they could not hope to get any promises from the Government, he thought it was time the Government knew the requirements of the coastal towns.

Four Points.

The alderman put forward four points which he had in mind for assisting coastal resorts in their post-war problems, saying all the resorts on the east and south coast had suffered from the same effects, although in varying degrees. The points were as follows: (1) That there should be a capital grant to the local authorities; (2) That the financial aid which certain local authorities were now receiving should be continued; (3) That some form of financial aid should be given to enable traders to resume business; (4) That there should be a continuance of the relief in cases of hardship until traders can re-establish themselves.

They heard various views on what would happen after the war, he said, and there were people who still believed that, as in 1918, there would be some sort of boom. **Although there might be a boom, he could not foresee it, because the town could not cater for people or accommodate them, and therefore he could not see any hope of immediate prosperity.**

Alderman Hoare said he felt confident that, as after the last war, financial aid would be forthcoming for the re-establishment of the borough from the local authority's point of view. There was much that would have to be done, and if he was then chairman of the Finance Committee he would be sorry to have to ask the ratepayers to pay an increased rate in order to put Margate back on its feet.

Paramount Importance.

The third point—financial assistance to traders—was one which he regarded as being of paramount importance, for the prosperity of the borough could not be restored until accommodation was provided by the hotels and boarding and lodging houses.

"If Germany does collapse," he said, "this year or next year, the collapse will come suddenly as it did in 1918, and from that day thousands of our one-time residents will be making their preparations to return to their homes. Some measure of assistance should be available to them to put their houses in order and enable them to prepare for the reception of visitors."

Dealing with his fourth point—a continuance of rate relief in cases of hardship—Alderman Hoare said in the course of his duties as troops welfare officer he had visited most of the hotels and houses in the borough which had been occupied by the military authorities and it was difficult for him to convey the despair which he felt when he saw them. He wondered what the feelings of the proprietors would be when they returned with the hope of re-establishing their businesses. **There was no question of the premises being put right in a few weeks. It might take a year or more, and in that respect they would be up against a real financial problem.**

It would be a vital mistake if those people were expected to put their houses into a fit condition at their own expense without the local authority doing something to assist them. It was not a matter of paint or whitewash, or even a carpenter's shop. It was much more than that. There would be the trouble of furnishing, for although the authorities might say they had received money for the furniture taken, that was not sufficient to refurnish the places.

Importance of Health.

"It is our duty as a local authority," emphasised Alderman Hoare, "to do all we can to urge upon the Government to help us, not only as an authority, but as a community, to set this town on its feet again. I am bold enough to say that the re-establishment of Margate, Ramsgate and all the other coastal resorts is just as important as re-establishing the shopping centre of Coventry," said Alderman Hoare. "There are probably hard business people who would argue different, but the health of the nation is very important and it is only right that Margate should have its claim heard.

"Hitler will not give us six months' notice that he is going to ask for peace," concluded Alderman Hoare. "I am convinced that we shall hammer him to such an extent that one day we shall be at war and the next day we shall be told that the Germans are suing for peace. It is for that time that we must be ready. It may be to-morrow, 12 months ahead, or two years ahead. But whenever it comes we should be ready."

Parsimony of the Treasury.

"It will not be an asset for people to know that they are coming to a town, already right down on its uppers, which has an extra burden which at present is £64,000," he said. "The Coastal Resorts Committee should take the matter up very firmly. It is only by the parsimony of the Treasury that it is put in this way. It will defeat the object of getting people to come back to a reasonably rated town if it has to be repaid. It should not be a burden, and we should know that the whole sum given us by the Government is a gift and not in part a loan."

Alderman Redman said that in any representations which might be made a special point should be made of the fact that the south-east coast towns were in an entirely different category from towns on the east and south coast.

"We are the only towns that have been entirely shut up," he said. "Every bit of business from outside was denied us, and we are the only group of towns where that condition has existed. Therefore one case cannot be presented for all the resorts up and down the coast. Emphasis should always be laid on the fact that the south-east resorts are the hardest hit of the lot, and therefore deserve special consideration by the Government.

"We have had a tremendous shake-up by this war," he said, "and if there was ever a time to make a change in our policy easily, if a change is desirable, it is now. If a new policy is to be shaped, now is the time to do it, and we as a Council should get together."

MINISTRY OF FUEL AND POWER ANNOUNCEMENT

COAL SUPPLIES DURING JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH

AMENDMENT OF RESTRICTIONS FOR MARCH

To all Occupiers of premises controlled under the Fuel and Lighting Registration and Distribution Order, 1943 (except Hospitals and Schools)

1. **COAL** (other than those grades specified in 2, 3 and 4).

   Supplies to any controlled premises may not without licence from the Local Fuel Overseer exceed **15 cwt.** during the three months, and no supplies may be acquired at any premises while the stock exceeds **10 cwt.**

2. **COKE of sizes not exceeding 1in., Anthracite and Welsh dry steam coal of sizes not exceeding 1½in., and all manufactured fuels.**

   Supplies to any controlled premises of fuels in this group may not without licence exceed in all **1 ton** during the month of March and no supplies may be acquired at any premises while the total stock of fuels exceeds **2 tons.**

3. **COKE of sizes exceeding 1in., and Anthracite and Welsh dry steam coal of sizes exceeding 1½in.**

   Fuels in this group may be obtained without restriction during the month of March.

4. **COKE BREEZE, Anthracite Duff, Washery Slurry and Bituminous fines not exceeding one-eighth of an inch.**

   Fuels in this group are also exempt from restriction.

The object of the relaxations is to encourage the use of large coke and anthracite in substitution for house coal and to take advantage of the present favourable conditions to permit the resumption of stocking of all sizes of coke and anthracite against future requirements. Consumers who have difficulty in obtaining supplies of coke are requested to notify their Local Fuel Overseer immediately. They are reminded, however, that the necessity for the greatest possible economy in the actual consumption of all fuels remains paramount.

Except under a licence from the Local Fuel Overseer, it is an offence against the Defence Regulations to exceed the quantities specified in groups 1 and 2, or to acquire any of the fuels specified from anyone other than the licensed merchant or coke producer with whom the premises have been duly registered.

Consumers are reminded that the quantities specified in groups 1 and 2 are maximum quantities and not rations to which they are entitled. The quantity of any fuel that can be delivered to any premises will depend on the state of local supply, and is everywhere subject to priority being given to the needs of consumers without stocking facilities.

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USED PETROL TO COLLECT DOLL'S HOUSE

RAMSGATE MAN HEAVILY FINED

Stated to have driven a motor van from Harbledown to Chatham to collect a doll's house for a friend, Harvey Thomas Woodlands, of Sydney-road, Ramsgate, was fined £8 at Faversham county police court for consuming petrol on a journey that was unnecessary.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was also fined £1 in each case for not having in his possession a record of his working hours and for exceeding the speed limit. He was also ordered to pay £2 2s. advocate's fee.

It was stated that Woodlands was serving in the N.F.S. and was also employed part-time by Messrs. Alfred Olby Ltd., of Ramsgate. On 25th January he had to deliver some goods by motor van at Harbledown and, having done that, he went on to Chatham to collect a doll's house for a friend. On the return journey he was stopped by a police constable near Faversham on account of his speed, and the other prosecutions resulted.

A summons against George Kiy, of London-road, Ramsgate, director and secretary of Messrs. Alfred Olby Ltd., for permitting the offences, was dismissed, Mr. E. C. Allfree, defending, successfully contending that the wrong person had been summoned.

MR. BUTLER AND CIVIL DEFENCE

PERSONNEL GRATIFIED AT INVITATION

Tributes to Mr. S. F. Butler's work as A.R.P. Sub-Controller and gratification that he had been invited to continue his duties in this office, were voiced at an informal gathering at the premises of Ramsgate Civil Defence Club.

Mr. Butler's appointment as Chief Constable of Ramsgate ceases next week but the Town Council, at a private meeting, decided to invite him to continue as Sub-Controller of the Civil Defence services. This decision will be considered at the open meeting of the Council on Thursday.

Mr. W. S. English, chairman of the club, said he was sure the personnel of the services were gratified at the announcement and referred to Mr. Butler's untiring efforts in the days when A.R.P. was in its infancy. They were pleased to know that he had been asked to continue at their head.

Speaking of the great value of Civil Defence to the population, Mr. Butler, who is president of the club, recalled the institution of A.R.P. in the town. He spoke of the apathy with which the organisers were then faced and traced the growth of the movement to the present time.

The facilities which the club provided, said Mr. Butler, did much to encourage the team spirit, which was particularly important in an emergency. When he was relieved of his police duties, he said, he could be even more closely associated with the men and women so ably carrying out Civil Defence duties in the town.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

The Buffs have played and continue to play a valiant part in stemming the great German offensive in the west. But they have not, of course, upheld the great traditions of the regiment without suffering losses. Among the first reported casualties is Pte. R. Castle, of 24 Brunswick-street, Ramsgate, who has died from wounds. He leaves a widow and three young children.

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It is the intention of Ramsgate Entertainments Association to apply to the Council at an early date for the grant of a penny rate for the purpose of providing a band during the summer months.

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L/Cpl. F. H. Martin, a son of the late Mr. C. Martin, of Ramsgate, has been home on leave during the week-end and rejoins his battalion of the Guernsey Light Infantry in the Channel Islands to-day. L/Cpl. Martin joined the Army from the Capital and Counties Bank. He just missed seeing his brother, Lt. W. G. Martin, a Mons man, who was home from France at the beginning of the month.

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Pte. H. Lawbuary, A.S.C. (M.T.), of 7 Cecilia-road, Ramsgate, is on leave after being in Salonika for nearly two years. Previous to his journey to the east he served for some months in France. He has two younger brothers with the colours, one in France and the other in Scotland.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

IMPROVING RAMSGATE

It is pleasant to note that there is now evidence of elaborate preparations being made for the forthcoming season in Ramsgate. At West Cliff-terrace various alterations are being made which will no doubt make that finely situated property let well. Chilton-lane, a favourite drive for visitors, has now been widened and the time seems to be at hand when building in the immediate neighbourhood will become very brisk. The Trafalgar Hotel, a lease of which has been taken by Mr. Collins, late of the Central Hotel, is in course of renovation, the alterations including a more imposing front. Mr. Rose, of the Paragon boarding house, has found his accommodation so much taxed during recent seasons that he has leased the adjoining house and is having it handsomely furnished. Various other owners along the front are also contemplating or have given orders for the modernising of their property. The improvement of Queen-street by the ornate offices of Messrs. Tomson and Wotton will be still further enhanced by the setting back and rebuilding of Mr. Dunn's premises.

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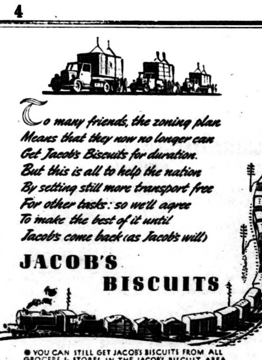

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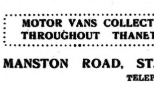

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BROADSTAIRS

Missionary Farthings.—The Missionary Farthing Fund night was held at Queen's-road Baptist Church, Broadstairs, recently, when lantern slides dealing with travel were shown by Mr. E. S. Golder. Last year the fund received 4,000 farthings.

National Savings.—Broadstairs and St. Peter's invested £2,303 in national savings during the week ended 20th March. The total was made up of savings certificates £299, deposits in the Post Office savings bank £604, 3 per cent. savings bonds £900 and tax reserve certificates £500.

Comrades' Whist.—At the weekly whist drive held by Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association at the Clarendon Hotel, Shipmate W. Lawrence was M.C. and prizes were distributed by Mrs. Barker to Mrs. Whitehead, Mrs. Goldsack, Mrs. Barker, Miss Jenkins, Sgt. Jones, Mrs. Philpot and Pte. Drake.

Mothers'. Union.—A whist drive held recently by the Broadstairs branch of the Mothers' Union realised £15 towards the £1,000 being raised in Thanet to provide a bed in a Malta hospital. Mothers' Union Day was celebrated on Thursday, when a corporate communion service was held in Broadstairs Parish Church. During the afternoon members attended at St. Lawrence Church, where an address was given by the Archdeacon of Croydon (the Ven. H. W. Bradfield).

Auction Aids Prisoners.—A gold locket containing two half-sovereigns was among the articles auctioned by Councillor B. J. Pearson (Chairman of Broadstairs Council) at Broadstairs Picture House in aid of the Red Cross and St. John Prisoners of War Organisation. A total of £3 10s. was raised and the lots also included a lemon, dates, figs, chooclate, cigars, eggs, honey and a bottle of whisky. The donors were Mrs. F. Canham, Councillor O. Robinson, Mr. F. B. Salt and Mr. William Bishop.

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UNITY AMONG THE CHURCHES

MARGATE VICAR'S PLEA

The need for a united front among the churches was emphasised by the Vicar of Margate (the Rev. K. Percival Smith) at the annual parochial meeting of St. John's Church, Margate, on Thursday.

The Vicar said their first and most essential work in the parish was among the children. They were coming back to the town and it was necessary to bind them to the Church.

"I am not in the least degree belittling the religious instruction that is being given to them in the schools generally," said the Vicar. "I know something of the conscientious spirit in which the time of religious instruction is regarded by many teachers, but it is in denominational teaching that the child is going to flower, and we must make it our business to link our children to the Church, because it is only through the churches that they can express their Christianity and find that fellowship in which Church life properly expresses itself."

A much more difficult problem was to be faced in trying to get more young people round the Church. The war had made its demands on the young people and many were in the pre-service training organisations such as the A.T.C. and the Sea Cadets. Every means in their power would have to be used to link those young people to the churches, for if they left the position as it was and did not bother, who would form the congregations in the churches in 25 years time?

Keeping the Flag Flying.

The Vicar said that in his last parish he was given the reputation of being a vicar who did not care about anybody over 20 years of age. That was not true, for he realised that the Church situation at the present time was in the hands of elderly people. They were keeping the flag flying, and it was round them that they hoped to build a more youthful Church of the future.

He looked forward to the time when they would have some central meeting place. A permanent parish hall was something too distant, but they needed a place such as a hut or house where they could meet more frequently in fellowship. He felt that if they were to have fellowship within the Church they must practice it outside.

"One of the things we have all to fight for in these days," proceeded the Vicar, "is a closer link between all of the denominations. All sections of the Christian front must join together in finding a common platform in order that they may bear witness to Christ in a united way. That does not mean that we are giving away the convictions we hold but we have to find the highest common factor by our experience and our service, and show the way to a united front. That is one of the vital things with which we are faced in these days, and I hope, when the time comes for us to take our share in a common effort to unite us, that we shall be ready to play our part."

HAPPY CURACY

REV. A. MAPSON TO LEAVE MARGATE

At the annual parochial meeting of Margate Parish Church on Thursday the Vicar (the Rev. K. Percival Smith) announced that the Rev. A. Mapson, curate at St. John's for the past two and a half years, had been offered the benefice of Challock with Molash, near Ashford, and would be taking up his new appointment after Easter.

It was with mixed feelings, said the Vicar, that they received the news of Mr. Mapson's appointment, for they would be sorry to see him leave Margate. There were a great many people in the parish who appreciated his earnest and sympathetic ministry during a period when encouragement was not to be found at every corner, and things were definitely difficult. But he stuck to his task and won the affection and esteem of a great many people.

During the first few months that he (the Vicar) was in the parish Mr. Mapson was of the greatest help. They would always think of him with gratitude and wished him godspeed in the new work he was undertaking.

Mr. Mapson said he had been very happy in Margate. He never felt he was intended to stay very long in the town and came for two months, but remained for two and a half years. There had been many anxious times, especially when the Rev. D. V. Beckingham, the previous Vicar, with whom he was at college, resigned. But in the 18 years of his ministry he had never worked more happily with anyone than their new Vicar.

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN & WOMEN

Mr. John V. Thomas, a son of Mr. I. Thomas, formerly of 6 Royal-road, Ramsgate, and now living in South Wales, paid a short visit to Ramsgate last week and told some interesting stories of his experiences as a flying instructor in Canada.

John is an old St. Georgian and joined the R.A.F. in February, 1939. Training as a pilot he later went to Canada and spent two and a half years instructing in that country. Bad luck came his way at the beginning of 1942, however, when, through the explosion of a very pistol his machine caught light in the air. A forced landing was made and four members of the crew were killed. He was the only survivor. That accident meant eight months in hospital for John, followed by three months' sick leave and he then returned to this country for ground duties.

Mr. Thomas had a wonderful time in Canada and looks forward to returning there one day. A highlight of his long stay was a leave spent in New York before the United States were actively engaged in the war. In the city of skyscrapers John was lavishly entertained and he will never forget a visit to Radio City, where two of the stars in a show presented on an immense stage were Abbott and Costello.

In October, 1940, while in this country, John was mentioned in despatches for gallantry in helping to drive off a German plane which was attacking his own aircraft.

His father was formerly a senior air raid warden at Ramsgate, and his brother, Dave Thomas, is sergeant in the Ramsgate Town Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

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A Ramsgate seaman who has also experienced the hospitality America has to offer is P/O James Wood, eldest son of Mr. James Wood, of 7 Leopold-road, Ramsgate, whose wife and little daughter Gillian live at Loose, near Maidstone. One New Year's Day his friends ashore decided to celebrate his birthday and gave him a right royal party. Following that they all went to a New Year's dance and at a minute past midnight the M.C. made an announcement—"One of the English boys has a birthday." The band struck up "Happy birthday to you." "Did I blush!" says Jim. "Everyone was shaking my hand."

P/O Wood's ship was damaged in a Malta convoy battle and he has been in America for some time. Previous to Malta he had been on convoy duty in the Arctic. He has seen 18 years' service in the Royal Navy and in January, 1942, received the Long Service and Good Conduct Medals. His brother-in-law, L/Cpl. H. Miller, of Ramsgate, is serving in North Africa.

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The young lady whose photograph we publish is Miss Kathleen R. MacDonald, well-known in Ramsgate, who joined the Canadian W.R.N.S. as a volunteer

in December. Only daughter of Mrs. MacDonald, of 17 Hatfield-road, she has just celebrated her 18th birthday and spent a leave at home. Six years ago, following the death of her father, Kathleen came with her mother from Killarney, Manitoba, Canada, to settle down in Ramsgate, and finished her education at St. George's Central School. Employed by the Ramsgate branch of a chain library, she was a member of the Girl Guides and also of the cadet nursing section of the Ramsgate Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade. Until her leave she was in the north, but has now been posted to southern England.

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Miss Vera Dawson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Dawson, of 155 Margate-road, Ramsgate, has left for service in the W.R.N.S. Her father is divisional superintendent of the Ramsgate Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade, and she has a brother, Acm. Maurice Dawson, serving with the R.A.F. in India. Vera's cousin, Miss Joan Smith, daughter of Mr. W. A. Smith, the builder, of Winstanley-crescent, Ramsgate, is to be married at Stafford on Saturday.

You like to have news from your sons and daughter in the forces—so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

Acm. Grays Harcourt, grandson of Mr. W. T. Solly, of Myrtle House, Canterbury-road, Garlinge, is serving in North Africa and recently saw a lorry with the name "Margate" chalked on the side. He found that the driver was a Margate man—Dvr. Akhurst, R.A.S.C., of Byron-avenue.

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Sympathy is felt with Mr. and Mrs. E. Balcombe, of 43 Milton-avenue, Margate, whose third son, Gnr. Frederick Leslie Balcombe, R.A., has died in a Middle East hospital. He was serving as an "ack-ack" gunner aboard a merchant ship and three weeks ago his parents received news that he was ill with a tumour.

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Among those reported missing in North Africa is Spr. Jack Walter Osborn, Royal Engineers, of 98 Glencoe-road, Margate. Spr. Osborne, who joined the Army in 1940, after being employed by a firm of ice manufacturers, went abroad last November. He played cricket and football for the Old Centrals and Margate Thursday.

Sgt.-Obs. Jack Blackburn.

Time and again we are thrilled at the exploits of our brave airmen who incessantly carry the war into the heart of Germany. But perhaps we overlook a little that important member of a bomber's crew, the navigator, with whom rests the hard and skilful task of guiding the aircraft to its target and bringing it safely home again.

One Ramsgate man who carries out this interesting work and who has been very busy recently is Sgt.-Obs. Jack Blackburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Blackburn, of 449 Margate-road, who was on leave last week. An Old Ruymian, he has been in the R.A.F. for two years.

Over a short period Jack has been engaged in many raids on such cities as Berlin, Stuttgart, Hamburg and Nuremberg and on places in occupied countries, including St. Nazaire. "Berlin," he says, "gave us a most satisfying feeling and we could still see the great fires burning when we were 200 miles away. On the last Essen trip we shot down one of two fighters which attacked us.

"From my position in the plane I cannot see any of the excitement—although I can hear it—while we are on the way, but my job is finished for the time being when the target is sighted and I usually come up to the front to watch the fun. As soon as the signal is given that all bombs have gone I return to my post to navigate the plane home. The main task is avoiding the worst patches of 'ack-ack.' One night we came back on three engines out of four and the consequent slowing down of the plane made my job seem endless."

Sgt. Blackburn's father is manager of the King's Theatre, Ramsgate.

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Prominently associated in peace-time with the activities of the Margate Old Centrals' Association, Herbert James Pointer, of The Moorings, Old Cross-road, Margate, has been granted a commission as pilot officer in the R.A.F. Before the war Plt./Off. Pointer was employed by Margate Corporation on the Winter Gardens staff and he entered the service in March last year. He is at present stationed in Scotland, where he joined his unit last week after a short leave in Margate.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Whist Drives held every evening at Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m., in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Admission 1s Good prizes.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Savings.—National savings in Ramsgate for the week ended 13th March amounted to £3,398, comprising £1,916 deposited in the Post Office savings bank, £777 in savings certificates and £705 in defence bonds.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen street, Ramsgate.

Civil Defence Club.—The final of the billiards tournament held by the members of Ramsgate Civil Defence Club was won by Mr. W. Tremaine, who defeated Mr. O. Andrews. Miss J. Love and Mr. D. Molock were the winners of the table tennis competitions.

School Attendance.—Percentage attendance at Ramsgate elementary and central schools for February was 88·35. Hereson Senior School headed the list with 91·97. The average number of children on the roll was 1,734 and the average attendance 1,532.

Congregational Church Services.—As from Sunday next services at Ramsgate Congregational Church will be held at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. The service at 6.30 takes the place of that formerly held at 3.30 p.m. The mid-week services on Wednesdays in the Church Parlour at 7 p.m. are being continued.

Shelter Accommodation.—Proposals submitted by the Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) for the provision of a tunnel shelter for 300 children at Ellington School, the cost of which is estimated at £1,160, is being submitted by Ramsgate Education Committee to the Board of Education.

School Holidays.—Ramsgate Education Committee have fixed school holidays for the coming year as follows: Easter, 16th April-3rd May; Whitsun, 10th-15th June; summer, 30th July-30th August; half-term, 28th October-2nd November; Christmas, 17th December-3rd January; half-term, 17th-22nd February.

Staff Transfer.—Mr. J. Hartley is to be transferred from Hereson to Ellington School, Ramsgate, as from 1st April, when the present Ellington Senior Mixed School will function as separate boys' and girls' departments. After 23 years in the service of Ramsgate Education Committee, Mr. J. R. May, assistant at Hereson School, is retiring on Thursday next.

Meals for Children.—The Secretary (Mr. S. V. West) has reported to Ramsgate Education Committee that an average of 170 children are attending the Hereson Centre for meals each day. The Board of Education have expressed the hope that the committee will make arrangements for the children to dine at their own schools, the meals being conveyed to the schools in containers, and the Secretary has been directed to report further on the matter.

DEATH OF MR. J. H. CREED

Mr. John Huntley Creed, a master at Streete Court School, Westgate, for over 20 years, has died at a Durham nursing home.

He was a member of the County and Tradesmen's Clubs and leaves a widow and one son.

The cremation took place at Darlington.

"The cost of the war is still rising. We are steadily reaching the full noon-tide of our strength. We must see to it that our money is well spent first for victory in war and then for victory in peace."—Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

FORTY YEARS POLICE SERVICE

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were connected to the police station by telephone so that a raid warning could be given to the teachers.

Objects dropped from the air in those days ranged from small steel arrows to bombs the size of cricket balls and later aerial torpedoes with large tail fins. Defences against aerial attack were in their infancy and troops used to fire at the raiders with rifles and revolvers.

Dump Raid.

The biggest test of the efficiency of the police in dealing with the after-effects of bombing came with the raid which resulted in the blowing up of the ammunition dump at the harbour. A Zeppelin glided down the coast from Margate with its engines turned off and when the searchlights at either end of the harbour were turned on the target was revealed and the bombs came down. Shop premises to the number of 660 were damaged and the police, with the assistance of the military, cordoned off the most badly-affected parts, so that the shopkeepers could the next morning take possession of their goods.

The narrowest escape the town had from serious damage during that time was when a German seaplane let loose a torpedo which entered the mouth of the harbour, passed under some shallow-draft vessels and came to rest in a mud bank, where it spun itself out. The torpedo was 20ft. in length and but for the fact that the tide was low would have exploded and caused great havoc.

Another cause for anxiety was the fact that German warships could creep down the Channel at night and shell the town. One night between 300 and 400 shells were fired into the town, but casualties, fortunately, were few.

Although the enemy were farther away from our coasts then than they are to-day, many thought that the Germans would invade this country and that Pegwell Bay was a likely spot for an attempt. Plans were made for people to get out of Thanet by way of Minster and Plucksgutter and they were supposed to make their way across the marshes to Canterbury. The evacuation alarm to be sounded by the police was two maroons.

Invasion Scare.

One day Mr. Butler received the code warning from the military authorities that invasion was on its way. As he felt some doubt in his own mind he got in touch with the Admiralty through the local naval authorities and found they knew nothing about it. The message had been sent in error as part of an exercise.

Tactful handling of the situation by Mr. Butler averted what might have proved serious consequences for the town during the coke riots in 1919. A ship under foreign charter, with some German sailors on board, entered Ramsgate Harbour to carry away some coke which had been sold by Ramsgate Corporation. A section of the community adopted a threatening attitude towards the ship and its crew. Mr. Butler saw the ringleaders and persuaded them that they were mistaken in some of their beliefs, but rioting broke out in the vicinity of the harbour that night. As the police gained control of the situation the rioters set out with the intention of destroying the gas works.

After being cleared from the roads surrounding the gas works they pulled down a flint wall in Boundary-road and began hurling the flints at the police. The situation became so ugly that a warning was given that unless the rioters broke up the police would make a charge with their batons. The warning was met with jeers and more missiles so the order was given for the police to disperse the rioters with their batons. The battle shifted to Victoria-hill, where another wall was pulled down.

Mounted Charge.

In order to cope with the situation extra police, including some mounted constabulary, were drafted into the town, and barbed wire was placed round the entrances to the harbour. After the public-houses had closed the following night the rioters again gathered near the harbour and once more the police were stoned. The mounted police, who were being held in reserve in the stores on the Military-road, were called out and the crowd soon broke up. As a result of the riots quite a number of people were hurt and some prosecutions followed.

In the years before the present war, when most people were sceptical about this part of the country being bombed, Mr. Butler saw the danger and vigorously pursued a policy of air raid precautions. He was responsible for the foundation of the first police A.R.P. school at Ramsgate and Ramsgate was held up as a pattern by the Home Office to other authorities.

For security reasons it is as yet impossible to speak fully of the part Mr. Butler has played in the life of Ramsgate during the present war. The evacuation of the B.E.F. from Dunkirk placed an immense strain on the police service and another test came with the big blitz of 24th August, 1940. Mr. Butler received a head injury during a raid some time later and has had a number of narrow escapes as a result of the attention of the enemy.

Prosecuted and Defended.

Mr. Butler's reputation for impartiality, which has characterised the whole of his police service, is borne out by an amusing incident.

A notorious criminal was arrested at Ramsgate and Mr. Butler prosecuted when he appeared before the justices. He was committed for trial and to the astonishment of everyone asked the magistrates if Mr. Butler could prepare his defence for him. The magistrates agreed and Mr. Butler consented to do so. Instead of being sent straight away to a remand prison the man was kept in Ramsgate for the night and Mr. Butler took him round in a car, interviewed his witnesses, and generally prepared his defence.

At the Quarter Sessions the man was given legal aid and a barrister was briefed on his behalf. Mr. Butler sat in court, assisting first counsel for the prosecution and then counsel for the defence. It was virtually a case of not letting his left hand know what his right hand was doing.

Mr. Butler was certain in his own mind that the man had committed the offence, but he was acquitted. He afterwards walked up to Mr. Butler, thanked him for what he had done, and told him how he committed the crime.

Set a Trap.

A trap set at Ramsgate by Mr. Butler ended a long series of Post Office robberies in the home counties and the south of England. Mr. Butler asked permission to look over Ramsgate Post Office and came to the conclusion that it was the type of premises the office-breaker would visit. He selected the window (since altered) through which he thought the man would enter.

So convinced was Mr. Butler that an attempt would be made to break into the office that he obtained the consent of the Postmaster General for police officers to be in the building at week-ends. During the third week-end, when Mr. Butler himself was present, the expected happened. Mr. Butler and other officers were crouching under the window when a torch was flashed round from the outside. The window was forced and a man jumped down into the sorting-room. The officers pounced on him immediately and he was so overcome by shock that he had to be given tea to bring him round.

The man came from one of the Medway towns and at his home were found stamps, dies and proceeds of robberies from other post offices. Needless to say, he got quite a long sentence.

Glove Clue.

Another interesting case in connection with which Mr. Butler played a prominent part concerned the theft of several hundreds of pounds worth of silk goods from premises in Harbour-street, Ramsgate. The Metropolitan Police found some of the missing property in the possesion of an individual who was suspected of shopbreaking activities but he denied having stolen it or that he had ever been to Ramsgate. It was decided to charge him with the offence and in his possession was found a photograph of a young woman.

The only clue left in the shop at Ramsgate was a glove, on the inside of one finger of which was a stain from a wound. Mr. Butler had detained in London a man who was associated with the man already in custody. He interviewed him and found he had an injured finger. The man explained that he had injured his hand putting on a motor car tyre. Mr. Butler took the man along to Sir Bernard Spilsbury for examination and it was proved that the injury to his finger corresponded with the position of the stain in the glove found at Ramsgate. The man was brought to Ramsgate and was charged.

Further inquiries proved that the photograph found on the first man was that of a young Broadstairs woman whom he had taken to a cinema while on a visit to Margate. It transpired that the two men visited Margate to lay their plans for robbing the shop at Ramsgate.

Defence Upset.

The first man, one of the most notorious shopbreakers of his day, briefed for his defence one of the best solicitors in London. The solicitor cross-examined with a view to showing that his client had never been in the district but the defence was blown sky high when the young woman whose photograph had been found on the first man, appeared in the box to give evidence of their meeting at Broadstairs. Both men went to prison.

Mr. Butler has also had the unique experience of prosecuting a man who was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for stealing a £5 note and then securing for him the royal pardon. The pardon was signed personally by King George V.

Mr. Butler has taken a prominent part in sporting activities in Ramsgate and has done much to encourage cricket in the district. For many years he captained the police XI and he has also played for St. George's C.C.

WATCH COMMITTEE'S TRIBUTE

The report of the Watch Committee to be presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday stated that Mr. Butler would retire from the police service on Wednesday.

"The committee desire," states the report, "to record their high appreciation of the services which Mr. Butler has rendered as Chief Constable of the borough since 1916 and of the zealous and loyal manner in which he has at all times carried out the duties of his office."

A POSTSCRIPT

Mr. Alfred Ernest Hardwick, aged 42, a lorry driver, of Coleman-crescent, Ramsgate, is a lucky man.

At Ramsgate police court on Monday he pleaded guilty to permitting a light to show from his home after black-out on the night of 18th March. His wife apparently went to the bedroom to get a coat and left the light on.

The Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) said as it was the last case in which he would be prosecuting as Chief Constable he was not pressing it.

Announcing that the case would be dismissed on payment of 4s. costs, the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said to defendant "You are a very lucky man. You are going to get away with paying the costs because the Chief Constable has given us a hint that that course would be acceptable to him. From this it must not be thought that the bench do not look on these cases in a very serious light."

"War crimes are no longer privileged crimes, immune against ordinary repressive measures. They take their place among the crimes of common law. Their perpetrators will be brought to judgment."—M. Pierlot, Belgian Prime Minister.

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RELIGION AND LIFE WEEK

Sir,—It still appears there are some people who do not seem to be quite clear as to exactly what a Religion and Life Week really is. It is a public campaign of Christian challenge to a material order scientifically destroying itself in total war. It is a public assertion that Christianity, that is, the Way of Christ, is the only hope of the world, which should become organised on a basis of love and association, and not, as appears at the moment, upon a basis of hate and competition. Also, in a Religion and Life Week there is made, by qualified persons, equipped with experience of current thought and modern practice, a public attempt to apply Christian principles to modern life. The different spheres of life are taken one by one, and day by day, so that in turn Christian principles are proclaimed in so far as they relate to the present social order; in so far as they govern families and home groups; in so far as they affect commerce and industry; in so far as they inspire school and educational practices; in so far as they call for personal commitment from the individual member of society; and in so far as they constitute the only international guide to peace and well-being for the nations of the world.

From this it is clearly evident that the method of the Religion and Life Week differs from the familiar campaign of pre-war days. In the old-style mission there was an appeal made solely to the individual. When the individual responded, then the individual went out forthwith into the environment of a world in which it was very difficult, but not wholly impossible, to live out the Christian way of life. Individuals certainly still do need to be changed from self-centredness, which is the essence of sin, to Christ-centredness, which is a true condition of grace. But it is now seen to be of equal compelling necessity that world conditions and social environment should be changed, too, if private Christianity is to remain possible, and public Christianity is to continue the way of life for Christian nations, including our own. There is therefore a wider appeal observable in the current Religion and Life Weeks which, throughout the country, are constituting a definite bid to influence England to "return unto the Lord her God."

During the month of April, from the 10th to the 19th, this opportunity will come to Ramsgate, and it will pass. A lost opportunity never returns.

(Rev. P. M. TOWNEND.
Christ Church Vicarage,
Ramsgate.

Births, Engagements, Marriages and Deaths

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MARRIAGES

West—Jefferies.—20th March, at Christ Church, Ramsgate, William Harry West, P/O, R.N., to Pearl Jefferies, both of Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Bevan.—21st March, at Bromley, Susan Bevan, of 11 West Cliff-road, Broadstairs, aged 79 years.

Chandler.—27th March, at Ramsgate General Hospital, Irene Ethel Chandler, of 24 Hatfield-road, Ramsgate, aged 35 years. Dearly loved.

Pay.—20th March, at Nottingham, John Thomas Pay, late of Ramsgate, aged 78 years.

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